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March 11, 2004

Honorable Estelle B. Richman, Secretary Department of Public Welfare 333 Health and Welfare Building Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #14-482 (IRRC #2387)
Department of Public Welfare
Subsidized Child Day Care Eligibility Head Start Expansion

Dear Secretary Richman:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our Order is enclosed and will be available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

John R. McGinley, Jr.

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Harold F. Mowery, Jr., Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Honorable Vincent J. Hughes, Minority Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

Honorable George T. Kenney, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Health and Human Services Committee

Honorable Frank L. Oliver, Democratic Chairman, House Health and Human Services Committee

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held March 11, 2004

John R. McGinley, Jr., Esq., Chairman Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman, by Phone Daniel F. Clark, Esq. Arthur Coccodrilli Murray Ufberg, Esq.

Regulation No. 14-482
Department of Public Welfare
Subsidized Child Day Care Eligibility Head
Start Expansion

On February 4, 2004, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Department of Public Welfare (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code by adding Section 3040.29. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

The regulation establishes eligibility requirements for subsidized child day care for children enrolled in the federal Head Start program whose parents or caretakers need extended hours and days of Head Start services in order to work. The Department is required to promulgate this regulation under Act 48 of 2003.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (24 P.S. § 15-1505-D) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.

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